

(Senate Bill 169)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Registration Plates

FOR the purpose of providing for the issuance of permanent registration plates and registration cards to certain owners of rental fleets of trailers and semitrailers; providing for the payment of fees and posting of security; and generally relating to the administration and enforcement of registering rental trailers and semitrailers.

BY adding to

Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws
Section 3-608
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1970 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 3-608 be and it is hereby added to Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws
3-608.

(A) THE OWNER OF A FLEET OF TRAILERS OR SEMITRAILERS CONSISTING OF 25 OR MORE VEHICLES WHICH ARE RENTED OR OFFERED FOR RENT FOR PERIODS OF 364 DAYS OR LESS MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR REGISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(B) THE APPLICATION SHALL BE MADE ON A FORM AND CONTAIN INFORMATION AS PRESCRIBED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR. UPON PAYMENT OF REQUIRED FEES AND UPON MEETING OTHER REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR, THERE SHALL BE ISSUED, TO EACH VEHICLE FOR WHICH APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE, A SPECIAL PERMANENT REGISTRATION PLATE AND REGISTRATION CARD.

(C) THE REGISTRATION PLATE AND THE REGISTRATION CARD SHALL NOT BEAR AN EXPIRATION DATE AND SHALL BE VALID AS LONG AS OWNERSHIP OF THE VEHICLE TO WHICH THEY ARE ISSUED IS RETAINED BY THE APPLICANT, PROVIDED THAT AN ANNUAL RENEWAL APPLICATION IS MADE BY THE OWNER, AND THE REQUIRED ANNUAL FEES ARE PAID PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH REGULAR CLASS G PLATES EXPIRE.